

# **CITY OF ANNAPOLIS**

## **DECLARATION OF STATE OF EMERGENCY**

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with the Maryland Code Ann., Public Safety Art., Section 14-111, a local State of Emergency may be declared by the principal executive officer of a political subdivision; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Annapolis is a political subdivision, municipal body corporate and politic in accordance with Article I, Section 1 of the Charter of the City of Annapolis, as may be amended; and

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with Section 2.12.020 of the City Code, the Mayor of the City of Annapolis is the Chief Executive Officer of the City government; and

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with Section 11.48.030 of the City Code, the Mayor of the City of Annapolis may declare by written order that a local State of Emergency exists when an emergency has developed or is impending due to any cause; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 11.48.010(E)(2) of the City Code defines "Emergency" as the threat or occurrence of an enemy attack, act of terrorism, or public health catastrophe; and

**WHEREAS**, there have been a significant increase in the COVID-19 cases and hospitalization rates around the Country with the continued spread of the Delta variant and the emergence and rapid spread of the Omicron variant; and

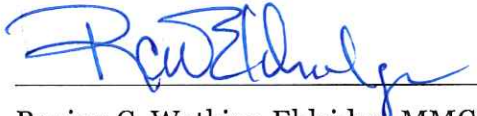
**WHEREAS**, ongoing federal and state warnings regarding illness and deaths resulting from exposure to the COVID-19 virus existing on December 23, 2021, and within the United States and the State of Maryland constitute a State of Emergency; and

**NOW THEREFORE**, be it resolved that on this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of December, 2021, Mayor Gavin Buckley, Mayor of the City of Annapolis, hereby declares:

1. As of 3:30 p.m., a State of Emergency exists within the boundaries of the City of Annapolis as a result of an outbreak of and exposure to COVID-19 existing in Maryland on December 23, 2021.
2. The State of Emergency shall extend for a period of thirty (30) calendar days from December 23, 2021, unless terminated by subsequent declaration or extended by consent of the City Council, pursuant to Annotated Code of Maryland, Public Safety Article, Section 14-101 *et seq.*
3. The Public Information Officer and the Director of Emergency Management shall immediately disseminate notice of this Declaration to the appropriate news media and the general public.
4. All agencies, departments and offices of the City of Annapolis shall activate the emergency response and recovery aspects of the City Emergency Plans for which they are responsible, and shall take such actions and deploy such resources necessary to prevent or alleviate the ill effects of this virus in and around the City of Annapolis caused by conditions existing on December 23, 2021.
5. During the State of Emergency, the Mayor's powers include, but are not limited to, the authority to:

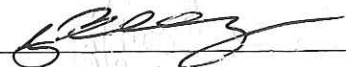
- A. Appoint an incident commander;
- B. Implement all or part of the City's continuity of government plan, continuity of operations plan, or other related programs and plans;
- C. Declare a curfew in all or any part of the City pursuant to Section 11.40.010 of the City Code;
- D. Authorize the use of City-owned property by any other governmental agency or person during the State of Emergency;
- E. Direct the Harbormaster to limit access to City waters or any other action provided in Title 15 of the City Code; and
- F. Take such other and further actions authorized by the Charter and Code of the City of Annapolis or the Annotated Code of Maryland, or otherwise needed to protect the public health, safety, and welfare of the City of Annapolis.

ATTEST:



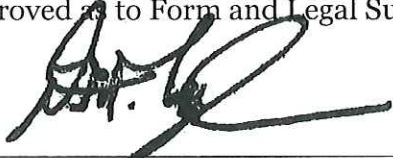
Regina C. Watkins-Eldridge, MMC,  
City Clerk

CITY OF ANNAPOLIS:

By: 

Gavin Buckley, Mayor

Approved as to Form and Legal Sufficiency:



D. Michael Lyles, City Attorney  
Office of Law

Date: 12/23/21